

**In the Specification**

Applicants present a replacement paragraph below indicating the changes with insertions indicated by underlining and deletions indicated by strikeouts.

Please replace the first paragraph under "Detailed Description," beginning at page 7, line 16, with the amended paragraph/line as follows:

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*B.1* International patent application serial number PCT/US00/01997, filed 01/25/00 by Bamdad et al., entitled "Rapid and Sensitive Detection of Aberrant Protein Aggregation in Neurodegenerative Diseases" (International patent publication WO 00/43791, published July 27, 2000), International patent application serial number PCT/US00/01504, filed 01/21/00 by Bamdad, et al, entitled "Interaction of Colloid-Immobilized Species with Species on Non-Colloidal Structures" (International patent publication WO 00/34783 00/43783, published July 27, 2000), commonly-owned, copending U.S. patent application filed on even date herewith by Bamdad et al., entitled "Rapid and Sensitive Detection of Protein Aggregation", and commonly-owned, copending U.S. patent application filed on even date herewith by Bamdad et al., entitled "Interaction of Colloid-Immobilized Species with Species on Non-Colloidal Structures" all are incorporated herein by reference.

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